

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 26, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Washington, D. C. Nov. 26th 1904. Dear Alec:

Are you aware that the handwriting of the Macrae offer is Mr. Percy Blanchard's, therefore he must know about it? The only thing I see about it myself is that they want us to loan them the money at 6%, whereas the current Canadian rate is never less than 7%. I do not like this point. It seems such a good property that just as you do I feel suspicious and that makes me less inclined to give them the \$500.00 you suggest ed. . I can understand that there may be perfectly fair business reasons why they don't want it known they need money, if this was the reason they could have offered us regular bank rates. This they do not do. It is trying to take advantage of us. This is the way it looks to me, I will ask Charlie. But I have two business loans in Baddeck now and they are both for 7% — and one's paid promptly.

With this feeling I don't feel so like saying Melville is well, but the chief reason is that I don't know how we stand. Have we got to pay any more on the place? I have had to spend a good deal of money here on necessary repairs on the house, that payment to Borglum was a stiff one, and I do not see that the present is really going to help Flo, I thought she needed at least \$1500. I don't believe we really helped Willie, only lost our money, but he had some claim on us, they haven't.

Much love,

Charlie doubts if you could get the through parlor car it 2 would be 18 fares he says.

I am glad to hear something about the box, but it is aggravating.

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Lovingly, Mabel. Nov. 26, 1904. Mamma spends about 6000.00 on her place of 40 acres, and that does not include horses for driving and the place is really not better kept than Davidson keeps his part which is about equal in area.